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to meet our bills. It's that simple. It really is. We are giving back money that we shouldn't have got in the first place. Now Senator Raikes is absolutely correct, is that the time will come when we wish that we had this in the piggy bank. But at that time we will merely...we will react to the situation as it is. That has happened before in this state, and the state is still here. We may have to do a little harder work, we may have to react more quickly than we would like, but the state will be here. Our bills will be paid. And will we have to contract? We certainly will. That's been done in the past, not once, not twice, but many times. I think that's what we're going to have to do in the future. In the meantime, if you will merely look upon this as more money collected than we should have, it's time to give it back to the people, this, I think, is a neat, clean way of doing so and one that is readily understood by other people, at least by me. And I urge that you oppose the Raikes amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd like to have a little dialogue with Senator Wickersham, if I might.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham, will you yield for some questions?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wickersham, not serving on the Appropriation or the...not serving on Appropriation or the Revenue Committee, there's a couple of things I'm trying to get clear in my mind. The levy for community colleges, according to this, is, is it capped at 6 cents, is that right?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So I see by this sheet that Senator Kristensen handed out, most all the colleges are levying that 6 cents, is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, yes, except for Metro and it's a little bit lower.